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SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23, 1900.

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CITY OF PEKIN IN A CHAOTIC STATE

No Representative of the Chinese Government in Sight.

WORK BEFORE VICTORS

General Chaffee's Report, as Well as That of Minister Conger, Indicates That a Tenuous Campaign Is Before the Allied Troops—The Walled City Is Utterly Without a Government of Any Kind, Save That Which Is Temporarily Administered by the Foreigners, Who Are Obligated to Police the City in Sections to Keep Down Anarchy.

Washington, Aug. 22.—After a long conference at the White House today the reply of the United States to the application of Li Hung Chang for the appointment of peace commissioners was completed and a copy of the reply sent to the Chinese minister, Mr. Wu, to be forwarded to Earl Li. The state department made the definite announcement that the reply had been conveyed to Mr. Wu, but added to its official utterance that the correspondence would not be made public until tomorrow morning. A copy of the reply was sent to the other governments represented in China.

The American reply is chiefly characterized by its firm tone and its brevity. Its keynote is the president's attitude as to the American note of July 30, and there is the strictest adherence to the points enumerated at that time. While the document is open to the construction of being a rejection of Li Hung Chang's proposition for immediate negotiation, yet it is stated by those who have read the answer with care and have had a part in its preparation, that rejection is probably too strong a term to apply to it. The United States places itself in the position of being ready at the proper time to take up peace negotiations, but in the present unsettled conditions of affairs in the empire the lack of knowledge as to who are the responsible rulers and what constitutes the actual Chinese government, it is made clear that the time has not arrived for pursuing the negotiations proposed. The formal courtesy of diplomatic procedure is preserved, but at the same time the entire tenor of the document is one of force and firmness. The government of the United States takes the position that negotiations are impossible until the Chinese government is able to prevent the forces of the powers which were sent to the Chinese capital to save their envoys. As long as attacks are made on the troops of this and other governments, such as have followed the occupation of Peking, and the attacks in the vicinity of Tien Tsin, it is deemed that the Chinese government is either unwilling or unable to prevent these hostilities and for this reason negotiations must be deferred. It is stated, however, that the reply is a step in the direction of opening negotiations. No question is raised as to the authority of Li Hung Chang to represent his government. The Chinese minister, however, in communicating with Minister Wu recognizes him as the official representative of the Chinese government. Mr. Wu received the reply early this afternoon and work was immediately begun on its translation into Chinese and then into cipher. It was not until late in the day that the reply was actually dispatched.

Most Important Development.
The most important development of the day as to the actual conditions in Peking came later in the afternoon, when the state department made public a dispatch from Minister Conger, dated at Peking only three days ago. It was given out with the following statement:

"The acting secretary of state authorizes the statement that a reply had been made today to Minister Wu's communication of two days ago from Li Hung Chang, dated respectively the 15th and 22d, relative to a cessation of hostile demonstrations and the appointment of representatives to negotiate with China. The correspondence will not be made public until tomorrow (Thursday) morning."

The reply says, in brief, that this government cannot enter upon negotiations until there is a government in China which can prevent the hostilities against Chinese troops and Chinese citizens against the forces of the powers. The text of the reply has been communicated to the other governments.

Mr. Conger's Telegram.
The state department authorizes the announcement of the receipt at an early hour this (Wednesday) morning, through the consul at Chefoo, of a telegram from Mr. Conger in the department cipher, to the following effect:

Peking, Aug. 19.
Secretary of state, Washington:
The entire city, with the exception of the imperial palace, is occupied by Japanese, Russian, British, Americans and French. It is being apportioned into districts for police supervision. The Chinese army fled. The imperial family and the court have gone westward, probably to Si An Fu, in the province of Shien Si. No representative of the Chinese government are in sight in Peking and the conditions are chaotic. The palace is expected to be taken immediately. Many missionaries have started for home,

WESTERN STATES FOR MCKINLEY

FORMER BRYAN MEN DESERT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Thousands Will Not Support Anti-Expansion—Republican Gains on the Coast—Ninety Per Cent. of Idaho's Silver Republicans to Vote the Republican Ticket—The Tariff and the Industrial Prosperity Are Factors in the Revolution of Sentiment.

Washington, Aug. 22.—All reports from the far west indicate an extraordinary change in sentiment among those Republicans who voted for Bryan an hour ago on the free silver issue. There is not a state west of the Mississippi in which the free silver Republicans are not flocking to McKinley by the hundreds, and in some by thousands. Western men who have come to Washington say it is quite conceivable that Bryan will not get a single electoral vote west of the Mississippi, so great is the revolution of feeling against him on account of his anti-expansion sentiment, and on account of the prosperity which has come to all industries in spite of his gloomy predictions in 1896.

Senator Shoup's Opinion.
Senator Shoup, of Idaho, one of the shrewdest and most conservative politicians in the northwest, gives an interesting review of the conditions there. He says:

A careful canvass of Washington state has been made by conservative Republicans, and the Republican majority is estimated at 15,000 votes. In Oregon the majority is 20,000. California will give a margin of 25,000 votes for the Republican ticket. Utah will also be Republican. I wish very much that Senator Wolcott could be selected in Colorado, but an anti-silver Republican with Republican prospects there. The Bryan majority four years ago was very large. In Montana I do not expect the personal fight between Mr. Clark and Mr. Daly will go beyond the state convention. Each man and his following in the state will support Mr. Bryan, and there will probably be an agreement between them on the state ticket. In this campaign will be confined to the legislature. As I have figured it, the Democrats and the Silver Republicans will carry the state this fall against the Republicans. So, after the first fusion in the state between the two parties, a second fusion was recently arranged by the leaders at Chicago by the two wings of the Republic, one led by Senator Heffield and the other by Mr. Anderson, were taken in. As for the expansion, it makes a complete fiasco, and if the leaders are able to deliver the goods it will make a formidable showing. The second fusion, however, may weaken the strength of the opposition to our people. Idaho farmers and Republicans who are opposed to the alliance, and they may go over to the Republicans.

Silver Vote Depleted.
The Silver Republican vote in Idaho is already much depleted. I have made a pretty careful count of the vote, and according to my figures fully 90 per cent. of it, probably as much as 95 per cent., has come back to us. As an instance, I might mention Bonanza county, where I am informed that there is now only one Silver Republican. We have, of course, to answer the arguments of the Democrats as to imperialism and expansion, but the tariff really is the most interesting political topic to our people. Idaho furnishes one-third of the lead used in this country, and the price of that product has increased greatly since the silver dollar was first coined. The silver dollar has increased in price. All those things which have been raised in price, and the silver dollar has increased in value. The silver dollar is the only thing which the Idaho voters cannot help appreciating.

Senator Shoup says that his state can be safely counted on to elect a Republican member of congress, whatever the outcome is as to the rest of the ticket.

RUELLO FOUND GUILTY.

The Expert Counterfeiter Is Convicted at Last—History of His Operations.

Philadelphia, Aug. 22.—Bartholomew Ruello, an Italian, who has been on trial in the United States district court during the past two days, was today found guilty of making, having in his possession, and passing counterfeit silver dollars. Sentence was deferred pending the disposition of a motion for a new trial.

According to the secret service men Ruello has been engaged in the counterfeiting business over fifteen years, having been arrested on July 25, and the finding of an alleged counterfeit outfit at his home. Then the former confessed and his testimony was the principal evidence given against the prisoner.

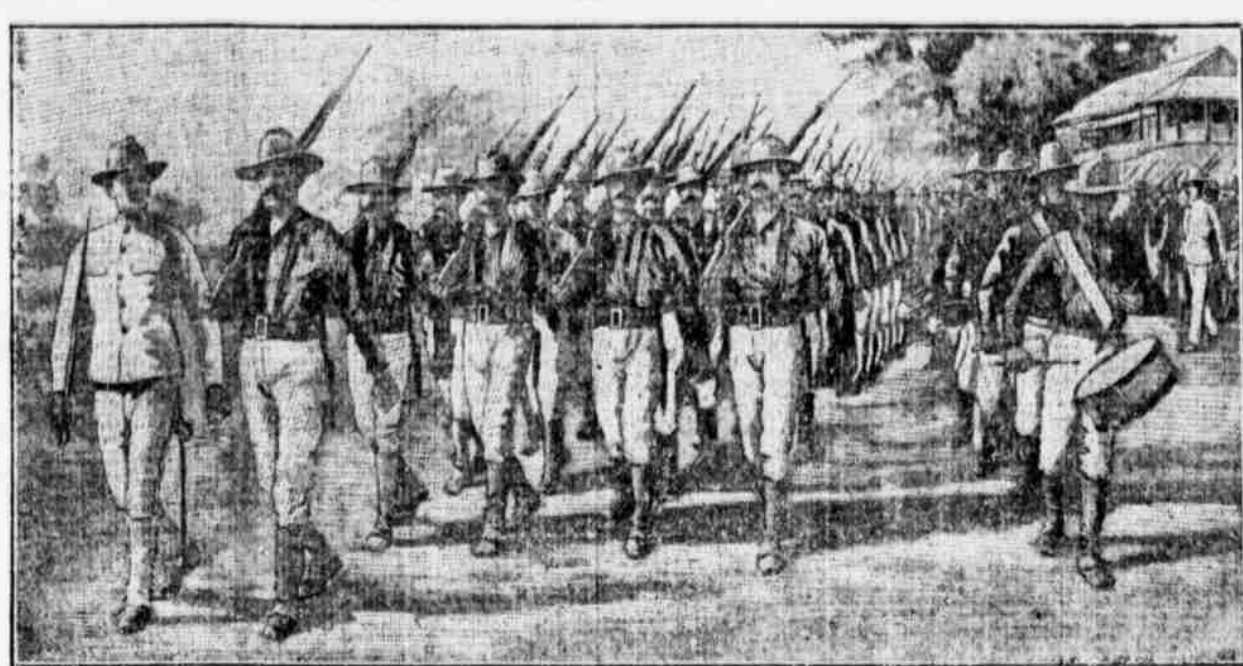
ALLENTOWN SELECTED.

Will Be Next Meeting Place for the Knights of Pythias.

Harrisburg, Aug. 22.—The second day's session of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias of Pennsylvania was devoted to consideration of the reports of the grand officers. Allentown was selected as the next place of meeting over Philadelphia, Gettysburg and Wilkes-Barre. The proposition to establish a national headquarters at Hot Springs Ark. was endorsed.

Populists Must Be Approached.

Milwaukee, Aug. 22.—The Populist state convention met here today with about fifty delegates in attendance. A. W. Worsley, of Racine, was permanent chairman and took occasion to say that if the Democrats wanted to face the Populists the former must make the first advances.



UNITED STATES MARINES ENTERING PEKIN.

BRYAN AND HIS INTERLOCUTOR

The Orator Contends That the Republican Party Is Responsible for All Trouble with Filipinos.

Falls City, Neb., Aug. 22.—This was a busy day for Mr. Bryan. It was after 1 o'clock this morning when he reached Auburn, his first stopping place after leaving Lincoln. At 5 o'clock he made an hour's address there. At Tecumseh, the next stopping place, he spoke briefly, and after a hasty dinner started upon a twenty-one mile drive across the country to Paxson.

At the Tecumseh meeting the most interesting incident was a colloquy between Mr. Bryan and a gentleman in the audience, evidently a Republican, who propounded several questions to the speaker. This gentleman interrupted Mr. Bryan toward the close of his speech by suggesting that the Filipinos were on a par with our citizens. To this Mr. Bryan responded: "Now, as I understand you, you think we were right in taking the property of the Indians? No, sir." "Then do you think it right to take the property of the Filipinos?" "No, sir," responded the man in the audience, "and nobody is going to. How does the robbery of the Filipinos differ from the treatment of Catholics in this country? Do you believe in punishing the jailbirds?" Mr. Bryan: "Your face is the face of an intelligent man, and you cannot fail to see the difference between putting men in the penitentiary for the crime of crime and going over to the Philippines and taking charge of the government of the Filipinos."

"When I see a man like you," who favored the peace treaty, I think that man ought to have some consistency about him."

"I am much obliged for your mentioning that," replied Mr. Bryan, "for I should not feel like bringing it to your attention unless called upon to do so. I urged the ratification of the treaty and also urged the passage of the resolution promising independence to the people of the Philippines and if your Republican administration had passed the resolution there would not have been a drop of blood shed in the Philippines."

"Oh, that is your opinion," "That is not only my opinion, but if you will stop to think about it and give the public the honest results of your thoughts, it will be your opinion, that if we had made the same promise of independence to the Filipinos that we did to the Cubans we would have had no conflict there. Had we treated Cuba as we did the Philippines there would be war in Cuba today, and had we treated the Philippines as we did the Cubans there would be no war in the Philippines today."

The questioner made an indistinct reference to Mr. Bryan's capacity for the presidency, and asked Mr. Bryan if he believed the Filipinos were capable of self government. To this Mr. Bryan replied:

"Admiral Dewey stated in a message to the secretary of the navy that the Filipinos were better capable of self government than the Cubans and that he based his judgment after a study of both races. Whether you believe as I do or not, you are able to draw the line between the natural right of the Filipino and the natural right of the Cuban whom you and your party said ought to be free. If it is true of the Cubans, it is true of the Filipinos, and I want to make it so."

BIG THEFT A MYSTERY.

Money Package Still Missing—Bundle Containing \$25,000 Stolen. Brown Paper Substituted.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—With all the police machinery of the Adams Express company and the Pinkerton Detective agency in motion since Saturday forenoon, the identity of the man or men who substituted a bogus package for one containing nearly \$25,000, consigned by the Commercial National bank of Chicago to the National State bank of Burlington, Iowa, remains unknown to the authorities and the currency unaccounted for.

At about 3 o'clock Friday afternoon nearly \$25,000 in currency, principally of large denomination, was packed into a bundle about ten inches square by the teller of the Commercial National bank. In the presence of the teller and his assistant it was taken to the "sounding lamp" and the bank seals in wax duly affixed. Under guard, the package was carried to the express office in the same building, delivered to the receiving money clerk and receipted for.

From the express office the package was delivered to a messenger, who guarded it on the way to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy train, where it was put into the car safe. The messenger is not supposed to know the combination of this safe. Between Chicago and Burlington the local express agents at Aurora, Galva, Galesburg and Monmouth are entrusted with the combination and attend to the opening and closing of the safe.

The run to Burlington requires about six hours. The package—or a package—arrived in Burlington early in the morning and was delivered to the general manager of the local office. It was delivered to the bank, and when opened was found to contain some brown paper.

Agent Phinney came to Chicago, bringing with him the wrapper of the bogus package. The paper is of a different color, weight and texture from the original. The forgery address was clumsy. The imitation of the bank's seals was crude in the extreme and the sealing wax used on the imitation was of a different color. Only in the most general way was the package an imitation of the original.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather indications today, generally fair, warmer.

- General—Anarchy and Chaos Rule in Peking. The Americans Capture the Imperial Palace. States of the West Are for McKinley.
- The Tribune's Educational Contest. Northeastern Pennsylvania News.
- Local—Liberalism Is Elected President of the National Library Association. Scranton Men in a Western Enterprise.
- Editorial. News and Comment.
- Local—Three Arrests Made in the Newell Case. Merry-Go-Round Will Not Revolve on Sunday.
- Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
- Round About the County.
- Live News of the Industrial World. Financial and Commercial.

MISSIONARIES HEARD FROM.

Presbyterian and Methodist Boards Receive Cablegrams.

New York, Aug. 22.—The first cablegrams which have come to the mission boards in this city from Peking since communication was cut off over two months ago, arrived today. One of them was received by the Presbyterian board of foreign missions. It came from the Rev. Dr. Henry, of Peking, and was dated from Chefoo, where it is supposed to have been sent via Tien Tsin. It was as follows:

"Mackay, some converts marvelously saved. Property mission private totally destroyed. Wire friends."

Robert E. Speer, one of the secretaries of the board, commented on this as follows:

"There is a doubt as to the meaning of the message. The most hopeful interpretation is that it refers to Pao Ting fu and that some converts may be saved from 'Simoes'." "The Rev. Dr. A. B. Leonard, of the Methodist Missionary society, also received a cablegram from Peking. It was as follows: 'Peking received. All members mission safe, well.' There were eighteen members of the Methodist mission in Peking during the siege.

CENSUS BUREAU WORK

Rapid Progress in Counting and Tabulating Returns Is Being Made. Showing of Political Canvass.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The census bureau is making rapid progress in the counting and tabulating of the returns from the 22,000 enumerators who took the population of the country. The count of each enumerator is completed in a single portfolio and out of 52,000 all but 600 are in. The returns from 18,000 enumeration districts have been counted in detail. Of the army of enumerators over 40,000 have had their accounts paid and closed. Nine hundred and forty-two cards, representing 942,681 people, were counted at the bureau yesterday and by September 1 it is expected that over 1,000,000 people will be counted daily.

The political census will show for the first time the color of occupant and tenure of occupancy of farms, in addition to values of farm improvements and acreage of the different products. They will be interesting from a sociological standpoint, as showing the number of colored owners and renters of farms and the extent to which the race is interested in agriculture. The population of the city of Philadelphia, according to the official count, is as follows:

Philadelphia city, 1,293,627 in 1900; against 1,046,964 in 1890.

These figures show for the city as a whole an increase in population of 246,732, or 23.57 per cent. from 1890 to 1900. The population in 1890 was 947,170, showing an increase of 193,724, or 20.35 per cent. from 1880 to 1890.

KRUGER'S PROCLAMATION.

He States That Every Step toward Is a Step Nearer St. Helena.

London, Aug. 22.—President Kruger, according to a dispatch from London, has issued a proclamation counter to the latest proclamation issued by Lord Roberts. The Transvaal president said: "It will help you nothing to say 'own your arms or to leave the commandos. Every step toward means a step nearer St. Helena.'"

EARLY MORNING BLAZE.

Rubbish burning in the Faurot house basement, at 2 o'clock this morning, filled the house with smoke and caused a commotion among the occupants. The flames were extinguished before any serious damage was done.

Dolliver to Succeed Gear.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 22.—Governor Shaw this morning announced the appointment of Congressman J. P. Dolliver, of Fort Dodge, to the United States senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator John H. Gear. The appointment runs to March 4, 1901.

Virginia Anthracite Company.

Dover, Del., Aug. 22.—The Virginia Anthracite and Development company, of Beckville, Lackawanna county, Pa., capital \$1,000,000, was incorporated here today.

THE BOERS ARE ASSEMBLING

Both Concentrating His Army at Machadodorp—Has 8,000 Men and Siege Guns from Pretoria.

Tayfear, South Africa, Aug. 20.—Through secret intelligence agents the British authorities learn that General Louis Botha, the commander in chief of the Boer forces; General Lucas Meyer, the commander of the Orange Free State forces, and General Schalk Burger, vice president of the Transvaal Republic, with 8,000 Boers, have assembled at Machadodorp (generally understood to be the headquarters of President Kruger, on the Pretoria-Deledra railway), with the whole Boer artillery, including the heavy pieces formerly at Pretoria.

RIOT AT GENTRY'S CIRCUS.

Colored Men (Provoke Fights—The Manager Placed Under Arrest.

Willes-Barre, Aug. 22.—A small sized riot occurred at Gentry's circus which has been existing in Dorchester, opposite this city, the past two days. A number of colored men who were introduced to the circus grounds to-night. One of the men attempted to lift one of the ponies above his head. An attendant rushed forward and tried to stop him, but he was killed. Lieutenant Kirby and six men were wounded.

GRAND CIRCUIT MEET.

Borah Wins the Big Mass \$10,000 Stake.

Boston, Aug. 22.—The feature of the grand circuit meet at the Revere track this afternoon was the big mass stake, \$10,000, the fifth renewal, for 213 trotters and Thoms W. Lawrence's Rindana won in three straight heats. Despite the fact that the gelding was notably lame in his off hind leg, he made a new mark for himself, as well for the event, 2:09. In none of the heats did a horse lead to a split and the performance is looked upon as one of the greatest feats of the year and places the son of Borah well among the fastest trotters on the turf.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Aug. 22.—Arrived: Mastic, from Liverpool. Cleared: Furst Brunn, Hamburg via Plymouth; and Congress, Bremen via Southampton; La Champagne, Antwerp; La Louisa, Havre. Sailed: Rotterdam, Rotterdam; St. Louis, Southampton; Noordland, Antwerp; Liverpool, Southampton. Arrived: Lodi, from New York for Bremen. Bremen-Arrived: Amsterdam, New York for Rotterdam. Cleared: Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm Der Kaiser, from Bremen and Southampton, New York.

Mr. Murphy in the Campaign.

New York, Aug. 22.—United States Senator Edward Murphy came to this city today and made his headquarters at the Hoffman House. His caller was Richard Croker. Senator Murphy said: "I am here to co-operate with the state committee in the election of W. J. Bryan. I have done it for the last twenty years and I am going to stay here until the end of this campaign."

Corwin Family Reunion.

Atlantic City, Aug. 22.—At the Corwin family reunion held here today Mr. Corwin, of Scranton, Pa., was elected chairman. T. L. Corwin, of Scranton, N. Y., first vice president; Dr. Elizabeth Corwin, of Atlantic City, second vice president, and Elizabeth Corwin, of Haledale, secretary.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Philadelphia, Aug. 22.—Thomas Green, formerly proprietor of Green's hotel in this city, who was well known to traveling men throughout the country, died at his residence here last night. He was about 70 years of age. At the time of his death he was interested in a large hotel in Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, Aug. 22.—Mrs. Flora Grant, wife of Bishop Grant, of the African Methodist Episcopal church, is dead at her summer residence here. Mrs. Grant became suddenly ill and unconscious last Saturday and remained in the latter condition until her death.

Boston, Aug. 22.—George H. Homer, one of the best known fishermen in the world, is dead at the Carney hospital in this city.

AMERICANS CAPTURE PALACE

Old Glory Floats Over the Imperial Granery.

IMPERIAL BANK LOOTED

Opinion of the Japanese Minister at London—The Empress the Heart and Soul of China—The Influence of Li Hung Chang Now of Little Weight—Powers Must Come to an Understanding Quickly—Riots, Anarchy and Bloodshed Threatened.

London, Aug. 23 (4 a. m.).—"To-day, 1,500 Americans attacked the imperial palace," says a dispatch to the Morning Post from Peking, dated August 15, "and captured four of the courts. The American flag is flying over the imperial granary, and the imperial bank has been looted."

Describing events prior to the relief, the Morning Post correspondent cables: "On August 12 the Tsung Li Yamen requested a conference with a view to peace. No armistice was granted, however, and that night we endured the longest fusillade of the whole siege. It lasted 12 hours."

"On August 13, the Tsung Li Yamen begged to be excused from any conference, saying that the members were too busy. Later they wrote that they had forbidden firing on us and would court-martial any who disobeyed. During the evening many shells fell in the legation compound."

The Daily Chronicle publishes an interview with the Japanese minister in London, Kato Takaaki, which represents him as having said:

"The empress is the heart and soul of China. So long as she lives, so long as she remains in China, whether the supreme power is taken from her or not, she will always be the greatest force, the one above all others to be reckoned with. The difficulty will be to get anyone who can speak for her. I fear that the influence of Li Hung Chang is now of extremely little weight."

"The powers must come to a final understanding quickly. Riots, anarchy, bloodshed and misery throughout China will be the inevitable result of a policy that does not immediately disclose itself. The government must be re-established."

The Japanese envoy expressed his approval of the reported American suggestion regarding a conference of the powers and said he believed that satisfactory pecuniary compensation could be secured if the resources of China were properly developed, despite the fact that her present revenues are pitiful.

Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee, according to the Daily Mail's correspondent expresses the opinion that his labors in China will be of long duration, "as pacification will be a difficult undertaking."

Three hundred and seventy-five thousand Russian troops are already in the Far East, or on the way there by land and sea, or under orders to embark. This statement is made by the Moscow correspondent of the Daily Graphic, who adds that mobilization is in progress all over European Russia, and that there are now at Odessa fourteen steamers chartered to take troops.

HANNA SAYS IT IS RIDICULOUS

The Story That Andrew Carnegie Has Declared for Bryan.

New York, Aug. 22.—Senator Hanna today, speaking of the report that Andrew Carnegie had announced himself for Bryan, said: "It is ridiculous. I don't believe a word of it." Governor Tamm, of Illinois, was at national Republican headquarters today and announced his intention to take the stump for McKinley.

Effort to Secure Scharr's Release.

New York, Aug. 22.—Emmanuel Fried, counsel for Frederick Scharr, brother of Kate Scharr, who was murdered on Saturday night, now confined in the Tombs, obtained a writ of habeas corpus from Justice Fitzgerald for the appearance of Scharr in the Supreme court tomorrow morning with a view of obtaining his release. Counsel claims the boy is unjustly and without sufficient cause kept in prison.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Forecast for eastern Pennsylvania: Generally fair and warmer Thursday; increasing cloudiness and probably showers Friday; light northerly shifting to southwesterly winds.